



Winnebago Presbytery News & Notes

April 7, 2026




Presbytery News


May the joy of Easter continue to fill your hearts this week!


Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

-John 20:19b-23

Join us for the April Winnebago Presbytery Hybrid Meeting

 Thursday, April 30, 2026

 10:00 a.m.

 Memorial Presbyterian
Church, Appleton, WI

Attend in person or online—
everyone is welcome!



REGISTER NOW!

Camp Scholarships Available!

Last week's ice storm is in the rear view window and now it is time to think about registering for summer camps! Winnebago Presbytery offers camp scholarships to attend Presbyterian-related summer activities. Please get [applications](#) in soon by sending them to info@winnebagopresbytery.org.

Reminder: Small Church Grants Available

This is a reminder that Small Church Grants are available for congregations within Winnebago Presbytery. These grants are intended to support the care and maintenance of church buildings, helping congregations continue to steward their spaces for ministry and community. Congregations with an average weekly worship attendance of fewer than 100 are eligible to apply. To receive funding, churches must have fully paid per capita. Priority will be given to congregations that have not recently received grants from this fund.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invest in the longevity and vitality of your church's physical space.

If you have any questions, we encourage you to reach out via [email](#) for more information.

Update on Hope for Ukraine

By Ellen Smith, who served as a global mission leader for the PC(USA)

Sadly, Ukraine is now entering her 13th year of occupation (Donbas and Crimea) and her 5th year of full-scale war. As Regional Liaison for Central and Eastern Europe, I have been connected with partners in Ukraine for these 13 years. I was able to briefly enter Ukraine in January 2023 with a small group from World Mission and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to connect with partners and potential partners. Since that time, leadership deemed it too dangerous to let me return. Now that World Mission has been shuttered and I am retired, I took the opportunity in early March to return to Lviv, Ukraine, to visit longtime friends and partners in the Community of Sant'Egidio, relationships that date back to the initial invasion in 2014.



My visit was only a couple of days, but these friends shared as much of their ministry and the current context as they could in that short time. Throughout the visit, they made clear the importance of showing up. Over dinner the last evening, we talked about the daily challenges and about hope in these difficult times. My friends did not ask for funds or goods. They asked for prayer and that we remember Ukraine.

I would welcome the chance to share with congregations in our Presbytery an update on Ukraine so that we might think about hope in hard places and that we might remember Ukraine and other war-torn places across the globe. Please reach out to the Winnebago Presbytery via [email](#) for details on how to invite Ellen to visit your church.

The Bible, Jesus & Jewish-Christian Relations

We're glad to share a special upcoming opportunity hosted by the United Methodist Church in Oshkosh. Renowned scholar Amy-Jill Levine will be leading a series of free events April 21–22, open to the wider church community. Clergy and educators are especially invited to a workshop on Tuesday, April 21, at 9:30 a.m., focusing on Christian–Jewish relations, with a luncheon to follow. If you plan to attend the workshop, please RSVP so organizers can prepare accordingly.

[Explore full details, including the speaker and registration information](#)

2026 Synod School

July 26-31 at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA


Summer is just around the corner, and we are excited for Synod School 2026. Synod of Lakes & Prairies has provided a full schedule of great programming for all ages. The [Synod School catalog is now online](#) for your review.

The intergenerational atmosphere of Synod School offers excellent programs for children and youth in mission, study, and fellowship. High-quality childcare for infants and toddlers is offered as well. \$60 scholarships for the first 72 first-time registrants are

available, as well as additional Synod School scholarships. See the Synod School catalog for details.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR SYNOD SCHOOL 2026!](#)

Winnebago Presbytery encourages everyone who feels called to attend Synod School to do so. If financial assistance is needed, participants are first encouraged to check with their local church. In addition, scholarships are available to youth and adult members of Winnebago Presbytery for any Presbyterian camp, including Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach. Please visit our [website](#) to access the scholarship application under the tab Resources - Grants and Scholarships - Summer Camp Scholarship Application Form or [click here](#).

The logo for Radiate Hope features a stylized sunburst above the words "Radiate" and "Hope" stacked vertically in a blue serif font.The logo for Samaritan 55 years features a colorful circular icon with a cross-like shape inside, followed by the word "Samaritan" in a blue sans-serif font and "55 years" in a blue script font.

What if one evening could change the trajectory of someone's life?

On April 30th, Radiate Hope brings our community together for a night that is equal parts meaningful, joyful, and deeply human. From hands-on experiences that connect you to Samaritan's mission, to stories that stay with you long after you leave, this is more than an event. It's an invitation to be part of something bigger. Whether you join us in the room or support from afar, you are helping ensure that mental health care remains accessible, compassionate, and rooted in hope.

[Registration is now open](#) for Samaritan Counseling's Radiate Hope, an inspiring community event supporting mental health care across Northeast Wisconsin. Radiate Hope brings together community leaders, business partners, faith communities, and friends who believe no one should face life's hardest seasons alone. The evening celebrates the life-changing work happening through Samaritan while inviting the community to invest in expanding access to compassionate, professional mental health care.

Radiate Hope 2026 Details:

- Date: Thursday, April 30th, 2026 5-8pm
- Location: we're back at Bubolz Nature Center in Appleton
- Cost: your \$100 ticket includes heavy appetizers, two cocktails, and dessert sponsored by Whisk & Arrow
- Cash or Card: having a credit card on file makes check out really easy, but if you'd like to pay with cash, our volunteers will be happy to take that for our games.
- Be Seen in Green: We're keeping attire casual, and once again inviting you to wear the color of Mental Health Awareness Month.

And the most important piece of information of all: Every dollar raised during Radiate Hope goes directly toward providing care in our community through counseling, screening, and our Mental Health Ministry.

Pride Family Camp

June 10-14, 2026

An opportunity to enjoy the camp environment with diverse people of all ages from the LGBTQ+ community. Emphasis will be on fun and creating new friendships, with ample time to play, create, and explore through leisure activities. Facilitated group discussions on issues relevant to the LGBTQ+ community will be offered to those interested. Families and singles welcome! All gender identities and sexual orientations will be celebrated. People of all faiths as well as no faith affiliation or spiritual beliefs are welcome.



Campers may choose a 5-day (June 10-14) or 3-day (June 12-14) option.

Visit the [United Church of Camps Moon Beach website](#) for details and to register!

Winnebago Presbytery encourages everyone who feels called to attend church camp to do so. If financial assistance is needed, participants are first encouraged to check with their local church. In addition, scholarships are available to youth and adult members of Winnebago Presbytery for any Presbyterian camp, including Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach. Please visit our [website](#) to access the scholarship application under the tab Resources - Grants and Scholarships - Summer Camp Scholarship Application Form or [click here](#).

Jesus' Call to Feed People as Institutions Break Down

As food insecurity rises and institutions struggle to keep pace, congregations across Wisconsin are encountering both greater need and greater limitations. This article, authored by the Wisconsin Council of Churches, reflects on Jesus' call to "feed my sheep" and explores how mutual aid—both historic and emerging—offers a faithful response for today.



[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)

Congregational News

First Presbyterian Church - Marshfield

Seeking Full-Time Solo Pastor

We have prioritized welcome for all people regardless of circumstance or station in life and are committed to service to the larger community and our world. We have a diverse and active group of lay leaders, and we welcome Pastor applicants who are inspired by Matthew 25 and a church which seeks to serve others. Please contact the Pastor Nominating Committee at pkfmfld@gmail.com or 715-897-4419. To learn more about who we are, visit our [website](#). To learn more about this opportunity [click here](#).

First Presbyterian Church - Fond du Lac

Seeking Part-Time Music & Worship Coordinator

First Presbyterian Church of Fond du Lac WI is seeking to hire a person to join our staff to humbly nurture the spiritual life of the congregation through music and worship ministry. This is a part-time hourly position, averaging about 25 hours per week. A full job description is available on our church website www.fpcfdl.org.

Denominational News



Stated Clerk of the General Assembly shares her excitement about the new Community Day Planned for this year's Assembly

The Rev. Jihyun Oh talks about what she's most looking forward to about this summer's General Assembly in Milwaukee.

[Listen to her description of the new Community Day](#) that has been planned for Saturday, June 27, prior to the start of the plenary sessions. Planners hope the day will be a space for gathering and doing action together as a witness of God's love and justice in the world. Oh also says she looks forward to communal worship during the Assembly as well as the work itself.

Partner Links

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Synod of Lakes & Prairies

Wisconsin Council of Churches

Presbyterian Women (National)

Synod of Lakes & Prairies Presbyterian Women

United Church Camps, Inc.

Board of Pensions

Samaritan Counseling

Resources

Employment Opportunities



Winnebago Presbytery | 181 E. North Water St. Ste. 207 | Neenah, WI 54956 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!